

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

In order to expedite the allowance of this application, and without acceding to the rejections, Claims 1, 6 and 11-22 have been cancelled, and Claims 2, 3, 7, and 8 have been rewritten in independent form, thereby rendering Claims 2-5 and 7-10 allowable.

This application is now clearly in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 (XA-8680B) any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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